



Architect Selected for New Yreka Courthouse

SAN FRANCISCO—One of California's leading architectural firms, EHDD of San Francisco, has been selected to design the new Yreka Courthouse, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) announced today. The proposed project, which is in the earliest phase of site selection, will provide a new six-courtroom facility, replacing the current Yreka courthouse and annex, which are overcrowded, physically deficient, and lacking in security features to current standards.

This project, with an estimated total cost of \$96.5 million, was ranked as a "critical need" in the judicial branch's capital-outlay plan, making it among the branch's highest-priority infrastructure projects.

"Siskiyou Superior Court is very pleased to have EHDD, a firm known for its high quality and award-winning designs, selected as its architect," said Presiding Judge Laura Masunaga. "Our new courthouse will be a prestigious landmark for years to come, which makes the selection of EHDD even more significant."

The new Yreka courthouse project is currently in site selection. The local court, the AOC, and a project advisory group that includes members of the local community are reviewing potential sites. Once engaged, the architecture team can begin preliminary space programming, but architectural design must wait until a site is selected and acquisition is approved by the State Public Works Board. Site selection and acquisition typically take a year or more. The project is scheduled for completion in fall 2014.

EHDD Architecture has a 60-year history, with broad California experience and national stature. Recently ranked 20th in the nation by *ARCHITECT* magazine, the firm has a portfolio that includes award-winning civic, educational, and cultural projects. The firm also brings strong sustainable design experience to the project, with five of its projects achieving LEED Platinum status, the highest ranking by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The new Yreka courthouse is among 41 projects being funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances critically needed courthouse construction, renovation, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, penalties, and assessments, without reliance on the state's General Fund.

More information about the project is at:
www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_yreka.htm

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